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SUBJECT: SECOND DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON FORCIBLE RETURN OF
UIGHURS TO CHINA

REF: A. SECSTATE 147833
[1](#)B. GENEVA 02421

Classified By: Political Counselor Michael Klecheski. Reasons: 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (S) Per ref a, PolCouns demarched Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) Secretariat staffers Safir Syed (assistant to Special Rapporteur on Torture Manfred Nowak) and Michael Wiener (assistant to Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion/Belief Asma Jahangir) on October 30. Syed and Wiener, who noted they were aware of Mission's earlier demarche on the subject to Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Kang (ref b), said they would discuss the issue with their SRs -- currently in their home countries of Austria and Pakistan, respectively -- to determine the best way to approach the issue with China and the targeted countries. Both agreed to contact us with an update on OHCHR's efforts, particularly those of the SRs, in the upcoming weeks.

[1](#)2. (C) Syed, who had accompanied SR Nowak on his visit to China in 2005, said he was keenly aware of the Uighur issue, including the case involving the Canadian Uighur. He and Wiener both noted that China had a good record of responding to communications from OHCHR but added that the quality of those responses often left much to be desired.
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